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International Search Report dated December 8, 2004, established in International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/014592, of which this application is the U.S. National Stage.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is related to Application No. 10/572,576 filed March 17, 2006.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

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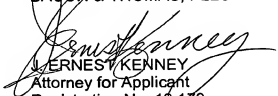
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